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To the Residents of Hanover:

The Board of Public Works and Department of Public Works thanks you for your support of Article 46 at the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting. This article authorized the borrowing of \$8.5 million for the repair of a number of roads in the town, subject to a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override vote at the Annual Town Election to be held Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Hanover High School. These repairs include improvements to the roadways, drainage, curbing, and sidewalks where appropriate.

The preliminary list of streets are those that in the opinion of Hanover DPW managers are showing signs of moderate or severe distress. The DPW staff is in the process of reviewing the condition of all streets in town after a hard winter. We expect that additional streets that were marginal last fall may be added to the list as we finalize our plans and cost estimates. The preliminary list of streets is as follows:

Ames Way
Arend Circle
Ash Lane
Birch Drive
Birchwood Drive
Briarwood Drive
Brigg's Lane
Broadway (Washington St to Columbia Rd)
Broadway (Elm St to Broadway Wells)
Brook Bend Road
Buttercup Lane
Church Street
Clark Circle
Davis Street
Deborah Road
Dillingham Way
Elm Street (Old Elm Street)
Evergreen Lane

Fieldstone Lane
First Parish Lane
Great Rock Road
Hackett's Pond Drive
Hearthstone Way
Heritage Way
Industrial Way
Indian Head Drive
Jay's Lane
King Hill Road
Larchmont Lane
Longwater Drive
Maplewood Drive
Mayflower Circle
Mann's Drive
Meadowbrook Road
Old Forge Road
Old Icehouse Lane
Old Webster Street
Paul Road
Pat Road
Pondbrook Drive
Post Drive
Rawson Road
Read Drive
Rockland Street (Rte 53 to Washington Street)
Saltwind Drive
Setterland Farm Road
Shingle Mill Lane
Stockbridge Road
Studley Lane
Tilden Lane
Twin Fawn Drive
Tyler Lane
Union Street (Main St to Stonegate Lane)
Wade Way
Water Street
West Ave
Wilder Lane

The planned work will improve 17.1 miles of roads which is 19.7% of the town's total road inventory. It will also improve curbing and sidewalks along these streets where necessary. There are 757 houses on the streets on the preliminary list, 812 driveway approaches, and 574 drainage structures.

Our preliminary plan is to perform the authorized repairs over a period of four years. The reason we have chosen a four year period is that we need to give time for various utilities to perform planned repairs to their systems to minimize future damage to the street surfaces. In addition, the repairs to streets with severe curbing and sidewalk problems and many drainage structures will take longer to plan and execute. If the override passes, it is our goal to expedite the repairs as best we can. We will begin work this summer.

The Town receives an estimated \$450,000-\$500,000 in state aid (Chapter 90) annually, but this is inadequate to meet all of the pending needs. Town Meeting Article 46 and the corresponding debt exclusion override were offered for your consideration as a means of correcting the current backlog of repair needs. If your street is not on the preliminary list, it does not mean that your street won't see an improvement in the coming years. Should the override pass, state aid will be used to address additional roads and sidewalks, hopefully before they develop serious problems requiring costly repairs. If the override fails, the state aid will shift to solving the worst problems. At the current funding level, it will take 17 years to perform the same amount of work planned by this override.

The DPW and Board of Public Works appreciates the ongoing support we have received over the years by you, the residents. It is our goal to deliver services as effectively as possible, to maintain the investment you have made in the infrastructure, to quickly respond to emergencies as they come up, and to improve the overall quality of life in the community. We welcome your ideas and your feedback, both positive and negative. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,



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